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MAYOR SHARPE JAMES STATEMENT ON BASEBALL STADIUM

"We are pleased to see this most vital project moving forward. It is a cornerstone to the revitalization of Newark's downtown, and the new and exciting Bridge Street location ties the stadium to Broad Street Station, the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Penn Station and eventually Newark International Airport via the Newark Rail Link. NJPAC is the next stop after the stadium.

"This project exemplifies the public/private partnerships that are shaping Newark's future as we move into the next millennium. It will be a beautiful anchor to the northern end of our \$76 million Joseph G. Minish Riverfront Park and provide jobs both during and after the construction process.

"I can hardly wait to see the smiles on our young people once again enjoying the kind of excitement I felt as a young boy watching the Newark Bears and Eagles play in Ruppert Stadium. Only this time, we will have one team, and we will build something we all can be proud of, a facility that will provide affordable family entertainment for the young and old!"

Batter up! Play ball!